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RE: Environmental Health Laboratory schedule week of July 3-July 7, 2017

To our valued clients:

Alaska state offices will be **closed on Tuesday, July 4th** in observance of Independence Day.

As a result, the sample acceptance schedule for that week must be modified, as follows:

- Shellfish Growing Water (SGW) samples will be accepted on Wednesday July 5, and by noon on Thursday July 6.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) commercial samples will be accepted Monday July 3, Wednesday July 5, Thursday July 6, and by noon on Friday July 7.
- Slaughter samples (meat and sponge) will be accepted Wednesday July 5 and by noon Thursday July 6, however samples are pooled for efficiency, generally once a week.
- Manufactured and Cottage food samples will be accepted Monday July 3 and Wednesday July 5 – Friday July 7, however the testing will be conducted when samples are pooled for efficiency.
- Dairy testing is scheduled once a month, as usual, and is already scheduled for week of July 10th.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) recreational/research will be accepted Monday July 3 and Wednesday July 5 – Friday July 7, however testing is scheduled following negative tides, and is already scheduled the weeks of July 5th and July 31st.

Normal sample acceptance schedules resume on Monday July 10, 2017.

Assistance is available with timing of samples collections, completion of submission forms, packaging, temperature requirements, shipping, and sample tracking. Sampling questions, planned sampling activities, and shipping notifications, can be made to DEC.EH-Lab-ShippingReceiving@alaska.gov or 907-375-8231.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patryce D. McKinney".

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